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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : DR. DIRK LENZ

SERIAL NO. : TO BE ASSIGNED

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FOR : WOUND DRESSING AND/OR COMPRESS WITH ONE OR
MORE NONWOVEN LAYERS

ART UNIT : TO BE ASSIGNED

EXAMINER : TO BE ASSIGNED

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 3-7 and 10 as follows:

3. The wound dressing and/or compress of claim 1, wherein said staple fiber

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nonwoven has a basis weight of 15 to 35 g/m² and/or the spunbond has a basis weight of 8 to 25 g/m².

4. The wound dressing and/or compress of claim 1, wherein the backing material includes up to five layers of said staple fiber nonwoven.
5. The wound dressing and/or compress of claim 1, wherein said spunbond is doped with active substances and/or finished with bactericidal substances and/or fungicidal substances and/or microencapsulated cosmetically active substances.
6. The wound dressing and/or compress of claim 1, wherein the spunbonds have had added to them high strength fibers, folded yarns, folded union yarns or threads having an ultimate tensile stress strength of at least 60 cN/tex.
7. A process for producing a wound dressing and/or compress as claimed in claim 1, which comprises spacing the weld points apart in the longitudinal and transverse directions at a distance between 2 and 5 mm, especially 3 mm to 4 mm.
10. The wound dressing and/or compress of claim 8, wherein said nonwoven has disposed on it at least one layer of a spunbond, the layers being nondetachably bonded together.

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Please add the following new claims:

--11. A method comprising applying a wound dressing and/or compress according to
claim 1 to a wound.--

--12. A method comprising applying a wound dressing and/or compress according to
claim 8 to a wound.--

REMARKS

The amendments above simply remove multiple dependencies to reduce costs, correct the dependency of claim 7, and provide method of use claims.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARK-UP SHOWING THE CHANGES MADE IN THE PREVIOUS CLAIM TO YIELD
THE CLAIM AS AMENDED ABOVE**

3. The wound dressing and/or compress of [claims 1 and 2] **claim 1**, wherein said staple fiber nonwoven has a basis weight of 15 to 35 g/m² and/or the spunbond has a basis weight of 8 to 25 g/m².
4. The wound dressing and/or compress of [any of claims 1 to 3] **claim 1**, wherein the backing material includes up to five layers of said staple fiber nonwoven.
5. The wound dressing and/or compress of [any of claims 1 to 4] **claim 1**, wherein said spunbond is doped with active substances and/or finished with bactericidal **substances** and/or fungicidal substances and/or microencapsulated cosmetically active substances.
6. The wound dressing and/or compress of [any of claims 1 to 5] **claim 1**, wherein the spunbonds have had added to them high strength fibers, folded yarns, folded union yarns or threads having an ultimate tensile stress strength of at least 60 cN/tex.
7. A process for producing a wound dressing and/or compress as claimed in claim [7] **1**, which comprises spacing the weld points apart in the longitudinal and transverse directions at a distance between 2 and 5 mm, especially 3 mm to 4 mm.
10. The wound dressing and/or compress of [claims 8 and 9] **claim 8**, wherein said nonwoven has disposed on it at least one layer of a spunbond, the layers being nondetachably bonded together.